

August 30, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1436 (LEVINE) - Board of Behavioral Sciences: licensees: suicide prevention training**

This bill, on or after January 1, 2021, would require an applicant for any license type under the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS), to complete a minimum of 6 hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention. Additionally, the bill would require, on or after January 1, 2021, as a one-time requirement, any licensee under BBS to have completed this suicide risk assessment and intervention training requirement prior to the time of his or her first renewal. Lastly, the bill would also require, on or after January 1, 2021, a person applying for reactivation or for reinstatement to have completed this suicide risk assessment and intervention training requirement.

At the August 17, 2018, Board of Psychology (Board) meeting, the Board took a **SUPPORT** position on AB 1436 as this bill enhances the state's suicide prevention efforts and protects the consumers of mental health services who rely on mental health professionals having the basic education and training required to identify and aid a patient or client with suicidal ideation in finding competent treatment.

For this reason, the Board asks that you sign AB 1436 (Levine). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board's Executive Officer, Antonette Sorrick, at (916) 574-7113. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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President, Board of Psychology

Cc: Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer  
Camille Wagner, Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor